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see attached notice of non-responsive amendment

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

The reply filed on 11-7-00 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the election of the claims by applicant is confusing. On one hand, applicant elects the invention of group I which includes claims 1-17, 29-34, and 41-71 and further elects species A which, according to applicant, includes claims 29-40. Based on these elections, it is not clear which claims should be examined since species A includes claims that are not in group I. A new election which clarifies this contradiction is required. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

### *Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luz L. Alejandro whose telephone number is 703-305-4545. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory L. Mills can be reached on 703-308-1633. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3599 for regular communications and 703-305-3599 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

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